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For: FEMALE CONDOM EMPLOYING TENSEGRITY PRINCIPLE

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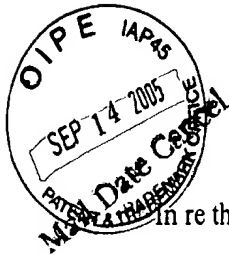
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In response to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2005, please amend the instant application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

Claim 10 (Original): The female condom of claim 9, wherein an untensioned spacing between the first and second rings is in the range of 3.75 – 5.0.

Claim 11 (Original): The female condom of claim 10, wherein said untensioned spacing is approximately 4.25.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The female condom of claim ~~1~~ 19, wherein the proximal portion of the tubular pouch is pre-formed in the general shape of an hour-glass.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The female condom of claim ~~1~~ 19, wherein the internal biasing member further comprises a plurality of stay members extending longitudinally along said distal pouch portion and having ends positioned adjacent said intermediate section.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The female condom of claim ~~1~~ 19, wherein the proximal pouch portion includes a resilient framework extending along said proximal pouch portion between said external and internal biasing members.

Claim 15 (Original): The female condom of claim 14, wherein the framework includes a plurality of elements extending longitudinally along the proximal pouch portion.

Claim 16 (Original): The female condom of claim 14, wherein the framework includes an element extending helically along the proximal pouch portion.

Claim 17: Cancelled

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): ~~The female condom of claim 17,~~ A female condom, comprising:

a tubular pouch of resilient membranous material having an open end and a closed end;

an external biasing member connected to said pouch and providing a resilient bias to expand said open end for retaining, in use, said open end external of a vaginal canal; and

an internal biasing member connected to said tubular pouch and providing a resilient bias serving, in use, to expand an intermediate section of said pouch outwardly against a distal portion of a woman's introitus;

said tubular pouch including a distal portion extending between the intermediate section and the closed end, and a proximal portion extending between the open end and the internal biasing member, said internal biasing member being configured and positioned relative to said outer biasing member such that the inner biasing member is, when the condom is installed within a woman's vagina, pushed distally by the introitus to create a force pulling against the outer biasing member, to thereby tent the proximal pouch portion against the introitus in the general shape of an hour-glass;

wherein the internal biasing member forms an outwardly facing recess extending circumferentially at least partially around said intermediate section of said pouch, said internal biasing member comprises a pair of rings connected to each other, said recess being formed between said rings.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): ~~The female condom of claim 18,~~ A female condom, comprising:

a tubular pouch of resilient membranous material having an open end and a closed end;

an external biasing member connected to said pouch and providing a resilient bias to expand said open end for retaining, in use, said open end external of a vaginal canal; and

an internal biasing member connected to said tubular pouch and providing a resilient bias serving, in use, to expand an intermediate section of said pouch outwardly against a distal portion of a woman's introitus;

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Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The female condom of claim ~~4~~ 21, wherein the internal biasing member further comprises at least one pad of resilient material extending circumferentially at least partially around said intermediate section of said pouch.

Claim 23 (Original): The female condom of claim 22, wherein said resilient material comprises a foamed material.

Claim 24 (Original): The female condom of claim 23, wherein said foamed material is a hydrophilic foamed material.

Claim 25 (Original): The female condom of claim 23, wherein said foamed material comprises foamed polyurethane.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The female condom of claim 4, wherein said ~~first~~ ring has a generally oval shape.

Claim 27 (Original): The female condom of claim 26, wherein an aspect ratio of said generally oval shape is approximately 3:1.

Claim 28 (Original): The female condom of claim 26, wherein said generally oval shape has an indentation at one end thereof, for avoiding contact with a urethral opening of a wearer.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): ~~The female condom of claim 1,~~ A female condom, comprising:

a tubular pouch of resilient membranous material having an open end and a closed end;  
an external biasing member connected to said pouch and providing a resilient bias to expand said open end for retaining, in use, said open end external of a vaginal canal; and